**Mr. K. Achyuta Menon** *(Secretary to Government):* That is the exact amount for all the years. Terminal charges are not separately recorded, but we do know that the terminal charges payable are credited.

**Mr. A. B. Salem** *(Mattancheri):* Is it a uniform rate of 6 pies?

**Mr. K. Achyuta Menon** *(Secretary to Government):* Except for certain specified articles, 2 pies or 3 pies.

## RAILWAY PASSENGER FARES AND FREIGHT—INCREASE OF

8. **Mr. A. B. Salem** *(Mattancheri):* Will the Government be pleased to quote whether the rates of goods and passenger traffic on the State (Shornur-Ernakulam) Railway have been increased or are they to be increased; if so, from what date;

(*b*) will the increase in rates enure to the benefit of the State;

(*c*) will the Government be pleased to inform whether there is any clause in the agreement between the State and South Indian Railway Company, by which this increase in rates as a war measure should merge into the general revenue accounts of the South Indian Railway Company?

**Mr. K. Achyuta Menon** *(Secretary to Government):* (*a*) There has been a general increase in charge of 2 annas in the rupee on the total freight charge on coaching and goods traffic, and of one anna in the rupee of the total passenger fare where the single journey fare is more than rupee one, on all the Indian Railways (including the S. C. Railway) from 1st March 1940.

(*b*) The increase in the earnings on the State Railway on account of the increased charge is credited to that Railway and consequently the State also will be benefitted.

(*c*) No.

**Mr. A. B. Salem** *(Mattancheri):* How are those charges increased for war purposes?

**Mr. K. Achyuta Menon** *(Secretary to Government):* Not that we are aware of.

**Mr. A. B. Salem** *(Mattancheri):* Why are the charges increased?

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**Mr. K. Achyuta Menon** *(Secretary to Government):* There is a general increase in all the Indian Railways.

**Mr. A. B. Salem** *(Mattancheri):* What is the reason given? You must also know the reason.

**Mr. K. Achyuta Menon** *(Secretary to Government):* I want notice on that matter.

**Mr. A. B. Salem** *(Mattancheri):* Was it not on account of war that these charges have been increased?

**Mr. K. Achyuta Menon** *(Secretary to Government):* Not that I am aware of. I want notice.

## RADIO INSTALLATION IN LEPER HOSPITAL, MENTAL HOSPITAL, AND CENTRAL JAIL

**9. Mr. C. V. Iyyu** *(Kunnamkulam):* Will the Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there are radio sets in

(*i*) the Leper Hospital

(*ii*) the Mental Hospital; and

(*iii*) the Central Jail;

(*b*) if not, will the Government be pleased to provide one set of radio for each of these institutions?

**Mr. P. V. Raphael** *(Joint Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) There is a radio set in the Leper Hospital; but there is none in the Mental Hospital or in the Central Jail.

(*b*) Government do not think it necessary to provide the Central Jail with a radio. The question of providing one to the Mental Hospital will be considered.

**Mr. C. V. Iyyu** *(Kunnamkulam):* Are the Government aware that the radio in the Leper Hospital does not work at all?

**Mr. P. V. Raphael** *(Joint Secretary to Government):* It is not working quite properly.

**Mr. C. V. Iyyu** *(Kunnamkulam):* Will the Government be pleased to either repair it or supply a fresh one?

**Mr. P. V. Raphael** *(Joint Secretary to Government):* We will try to repair that.

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